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NDP functionaries discussed the possibility of a fusion of the NDP with the SED on 12 March 1954. The suggestion that the NDP be merged with the SED was allegedly, made by Friedrich Pfaffenbach, chairman of the Berlin organization of the NDP. Several persons who attended the meeting believed that the merger between the NDP and the SED had been instigated by the SED Central Committee. Source learned that the NDP functionaries attending the meeting mentioned, although they agreed with the plan in principle, voiced many objections in detail. According to source's information, the center of the opposition against the merger between the NDP and the SED is Dr. Lothar Bolz, whose opinion is shared by several high-ranking NDP leaders. Bolz was allegedly, reprimanded by Ulbricht and Grotewohl because of his stand in this matter.

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